

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re U.S. Patent Application of Bishop, et al. )  
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Divisional of U.S. Appln. No. 09/652,899 )  
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Filed: April 9, 2004 )  
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For: **Methods and Apparatus for** )  
**Conducting Electronic** )  
**Transactions** )  
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Examiner: Not yet assigned )  
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Art Unit: Not yet assigned )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this preliminary amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.115, along with the filing of the new divisional application. Applicants respectfully request the following amendments be entered in the above-referenced patent application.

**Amendments to the Specification** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.